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TOWN OF ELLINGTON
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AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE MEETING

September 23rd, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes

Members Present: Wilson Flynn, J. Wiley Dumas, James Stemmerman, John Takach, Bruce Warkentin, Andrew McCoy

Members Absent: Jeffrey Martin, Michael Varney, David Grim, Alan Lewandosky

I. CALL TO ORDER:

After determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. Members Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 25th, 2014

MOVED (STEMMERMAN), SECONDED (DUMAS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Members again discussed means of getting information out to the public, both through the Patriotic Committee's website, and the official Town website. General consensus was that a lack of interest in finding people to fill the various vacancies existed on the part of the Town itself, and the town should have a better means of communicating these vacancies, and other issues, to the public. Members again noted and discussed that no official action on the part of the Board of Selectmen has taken place regarding the placement a bench at Crystal Lake Veterans' Memorial Park in memory of Tom Minor's Service to his country.
- b. Chairman Flynn stated that he would like members to assist at the Patriotic Committee's stand at the Ellington Farmers' Market on the last 3 Saturdays of October. Chairman Flynn again stressed the importance of a visible presence to the public. These dates are October 4th, 11th, and the 18th. Mr. Stemmerman suggested that the VFW 'Buddy Poppies' could be sold at the Committee's stand, and to also have available fliers on the WAA program.
- c. Mr. McCoy brought to the group's attention that First Selectman Blanchette is designated as the Town's Veterans' Advocate. Mr. McCoy stated that there should be a better understanding as to exactly what the First Selectman's duties are regarding this. Mr. Dumas said he would request information via e-mail from the Office of the First Selectman, and contact the other members regarding any information sent to him, for the purpose of developing a list of 'Talking Points' to present to the First Selectman, to better understand his duties and actions as the designated Veterans' Advocate.
- d. The members asked about the status of the Background checks for Mr. Flynn and Mr. Takach re: Advisors to the Youth Associate Council. Mr. Flynn stated he

would visit the Office of the First Selectman. Mr. Dumas stated that pending approval of these gentlemen; any projects that could assist in involving the young people are at a stalemate.

- e. Wreaths Across America: Chairman Flynn stated that this year's WAA observance is set, and the committee will begin to finalize all actions during the October Meeting.
- f. Wall of Honor: Members agreed to postpone any action on nominating Diane Trueb until a subsequent meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

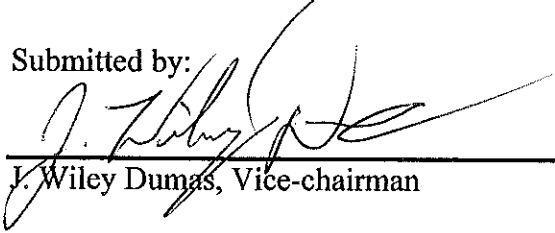
A. MR. TAKACH INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE NOW HAD A DETAILED MAPPING OF THE VETERANS' GRAVES IN THE CEMETERY. HE SAID HE WOULD PASS THIS ON TO ALL MEMBERS, AND MR. STEMMERMAN WILL ALSO PRESENT THIS TO THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

B. CHAIRMAN FLYNN INFORMED THE COMMITTEE OF THE REQUEST FOR UPKEEP OF THE POW/MIA MEMORAIL ON THE GROUNDS OF HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY. MEMBERS AGREED THAT THIS IS A PROJECT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD UNDERTAKE.

C. CHAIRMAN FLYNN ALSO INFORMED THE COMMITTEE OF THE YMCA 'FRESH PAGE' PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

- V. ADJOURNMENT
MOVED (DUMAS), SECONDED (STEMMERMAN) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:38 P.M.

Submitted by:


J. Wiley Dumas, Vice-chairman